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Scientologists Expose Germ Warfare Testing on American Citizens

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In 1964 and 1965, the U.S. Army conducted a series of open air biological warfare tests in Washington, D.C., Chicago and San Francisco. Army personnel conducting the tests used a potentially harmful bacterium, *Bacillus subtilis*, on hundreds of unsuspecting Americans in National Airport in Washington and at Greyhound bus terminals in all three cities.

The Church of Scientology recently exposed these experiments, documenting the dangers they posed to unwitting citizens in the form of respiratory infections, blood poisoning and food poisoning.

In 1956, in another biological warfare experiment codenamed "Operation Big City," personnel from the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) and the Army drove an automobile, with a specially adapted exhaust system through the streets of New York for five straight days, spraying an as yet unidentified but apparently harmful biological warfare agent as they went.

Church of Scientology researchers traced the details of this experiment, documenting among other things how the test team members had protected themselves from the agent by installing a special addition to the tailpipe of the car, extending its length an extra foot and a half. The car itself was repeatedly washed to get rid of what CIA documents described tersely as "contamination" but, the Church found, no such precautions were taken with the thousands of American citizens exposed to the agent.

In the early 1970s, the CIA spent more than \$150,000 to continue the manufacture and stockpiling of biological warfare weapons, despite a 1969 executive order banning the production of such weapons.

Evidence gathered by the Church of Scientology indicated that the microorganisms mass produced by the CIA in defiance of the presidential order included disease producing agents such as *B. Abortus* and *P. Tularensis*, which produce often fatal illnesses resembling the dreaded plague.

Through the years, often in the teeth of fierce opposition, the Church of Scientology has documented and exposed numerous other chemical and biological warfare tests conducted at the expense of unknowing American citizens.

By its pioneering use of the Freedom of Information Act, the Church was able to

show the enormous sums of money channeled by various government agencies into projects and actions that are tantamount to biological warfare attacks on America.

The Church finds such actions by a government against its own citizens reprehensible.

Our interest in this area stems from our concern for the safety and well-being of all Americans, and the Church's long-standing commitment to the basic freedoms upon which the country was founded.

Article V of the Bill of Rights guarantees that no American shall be deprived of life, liberty or property without due process of law. This important right is in jeopardy when innocent citizens become victimized by government "experiments."

The Church has provided information and documentation to Congress, to the White House and to the United Nations, calling for an end to chemical and biological warfare testing and stockpiling by all nations.

Over the years, the Church has worked to free people from the harmful effects of toxic substances in the environment. Tens of thousands of persons have stated that they have been completely rehabilitated from drugs as a result of their association with the Church.

Those who would poison the atmosphere of our cities and destroy the lives and well-being of Americans are enemies of the basic principles of freedom so important to the Church.

The Church believes strongly that officials and agencies of the government must be held to account for their actions. When highly illegal acts are committed by persons in government, as in deadly biological warfare experiments, those responsible must be prosecuted.

The Church of Scientology will continue to expose instances of government criminality, despite the fact that such exposés have in the past triggered retaliation by those who are seeking to hide their criminal acts.

We will not cease our demands for bringing to justice those who have perpetrated illegal acts. Our commitment is to freedom, and to a civilization without insanity, without criminality and without war.



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